

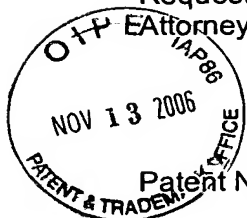
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Inventor : Oku et al.  
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Workability And Manufacturing Method Thereof  
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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO's error and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following error appears in the patent as printed:

Column 19, Line 6, Claim 2, "Ti up to about 0.5 mass Mo" should read  
-- Ti up to about 0.5 mass %, Mo --  
(See the Amendment dated March 16, 2006, page 2, Claim 4, Line 2.  
Claim 4 issued as Claim 2.)

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 19, Line 6, Claim 2, "Ti up to about 0.5 mass Mo" should read  
-- Ti up to about 0.5 mass %, Mo --

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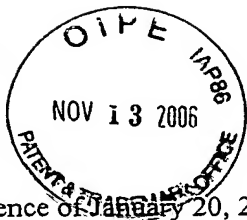
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Applicants : Manabu Oku et al.

Filed : October 28, 2003

Title : FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET HAVING GOOD  
WORKABILITY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim ~~3~~ (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a ferritic stainless steel sheet having good workability with less anisotropy, which comprises the steps of:

providing a ferritic stainless steel consisting essentially of 0.03 mass % or less of C, 0.03 mass % or less of N, 2.0 mass % or less of Si, 2.0 mass % or less of Mn, 0.07-0.6 mass % of Ni, 9-35 mass % of Cr, 0.15-0.80 mass % of Nb and the balance being Fe except inevitable impurities;

precipitation-heating said stainless steel at a temperature (T) in a range of 450-750°C for a time period (t) not longer than 20 hours with the provision that a value  $\lambda$  defined by a formula of  $\lambda = (T + 273) \cdot (20 + \log t) / 1000$ , whereby temperature is in degree centigrade and time is measured by hours, is controlled within a range of 13-19 so as to distribute Nb-containing precipitates of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less in particle size at a ratio of 0.4 mass % or more; and

finish-annealing said stainless steel at a temperature in a range of 900-1100°C for a time period not longer than 1 minute.

Claim ~~4~~ (previously presented): The method of manufacturing according to claim ~~3~~, wherein the stainless steel further contains at least one of ~~Ti up to about 0.5 mass %, Mo up to about 3.0 mass %, Cu up to about 2.0 mass % and Al up to about 6.0 mass %.~~